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Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson  
Springfield, IL 62761

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &  
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**Re: Project 18-018 Silver Cross Hospital**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this documentation from Franciscan Health Olympia Fields to express our passionate opposition to establishment of another Open Heart Surgery program in the southwest suburbs, as currently being proposed by Silver Cross Hospital.

Not only is there more than adequate access to Open Heart Surgery programs with over ten programs already established and servicing the proposed service area, Franciscan Health Olympia Fields has overlapping market areas.

The approval of another Open Heart Program will not only needlessly duplicate a service currently being provided to the community, it will also increase health care expenses in both the southwest and south suburbs.

Sincerely,



Allan M. Spooner  
President and CEO  
Franciscan Health Olympia Fields